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Provo To Honor Lone Surviving Utah Pioneer

Provo's lone surviving Utah pioneer — under the definition set by the Sons and Daughters of Utah Pioneers—will be the special guest of honor at the annual Provo Birthday celebration, which will be held Friday, March 11 at 12 noon.

Mrs. Martha Jones, 98, will

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Benjamin Russell, editor of the Boston Centinel, originated the term gerrymander in 1812 by combining the word salamander with the last name of Gov. Elbridge Gerry who influenced the legislature to redistrict the state so as to insure victory for his party in the next election.

get special recognition at the luncheon in the Pioneer Memorial Building. She is the last of the living Provo pioneers. Three others died within the past year.

The Sons and Daughters of Utah Pioneers of Provo will sponsor the annual observance. Their definition of a pioneer is one who came to Utah, or was born here, prior to May 10, 1869, the date of the driving of the Golden Spike. The definition was officially adopted in the Centennial year of 1947.

Mrs. Jones, who currently lives in a Provo rest home, was born on April 6, 1867 in a house at the corner of Third North and First East in Provo. The home has since been torn down.

She has lived her entire life



MRS. MARTHA JONES

in Provo and married Charles E. Jones, who died in 1948.

Mrs. Jones has five living children: Mrs. Charles Mitchell, Jane and Gilbert Jones, all of Provo; Alma Jones, Eden, Calif.; and Mrs. Florence Barker, Evanston, Wyo. She also can count among her progeny 14 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Mitchell reports that Mrs. Jones is still in good health, considering her age, and plans to attend the Friday activities.

Actually Provo's birthday anniversary is March 12—having been settled on March 12, 1849. However, the observance has been stepped up to Friday this year to accommodate several

key officials who could not attend on Saturday.

During the past year, three other pioneers have died, reducing the four honored last year to only Mrs. Jones.

Those who were here last year included Mary Ann Brown Clark, who died recently at the age of 106. At the time of her death she was Utah's oldest living person.

The other two were Charles Evans, who died last Thursday at age 96, and Mrs. Josephine Harris, 97, who died last November.

At Friday's meeting biographies of two early pioneers, who have since died, will be presented.

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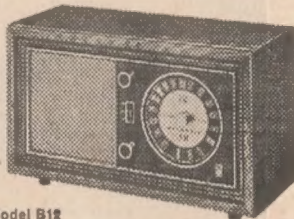
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